

filed December 23, 1988, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 4,987,486 on December 22, 1991. It is important to note that the '554 patent cited as 102(b) prior art against the subject patent application was filed on exactly the same day (April 20, 1989) as the '987 application to which the subject patent application claims priority as a continuation. Moreover, both the '554 patent and the '987 application claim priority to the '486 patent filed December 23, 1988. In support of their position that the claims of the subject patent application are entitled to an effective date of at least April 20, 1989 and potentially as far back as December 23, 1988, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the filing receipt in connection with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/960,261 which sets forth the continuation application data for that Application, as described herein. This filing receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit A to this response.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that a rejection of claims 15-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of the '554 patent may not be maintained, as the subject patent application is clearly entitled to at least the same priority date as the '554 patent. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and an early notification of allowability of the subject patent applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject patent application is now in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of the pending rejections is respectfully requested. Should the Patent and Trademark Office have any comments or suggestions with respect to this correspondence, it is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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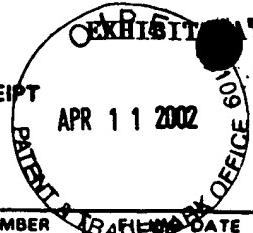
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